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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 28 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

The situation in Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

Guinea

Briefing by the Secretariat

Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/287)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. — 31st PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/55/1) [10]

2. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: second report of the General Committee (A/55/250/Add.1) [8]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Hearing of petitioners

2. General debate on all decolonization items: *item 18* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapters VI, IX-XI), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (D-F, H)), A/55/303, A/55/384-S/2000/870, A/C.4/55/L.2, L.3, L.4, A/AC.109/2000/2-10, A/AC.109/2000/13-18); *item 88* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VIII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (A)), A/55/77 and Add.1; *item 89* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter V), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (B)); *item 90* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C)), A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/C.4/55/CRP.1, E/2000/68); *item 91* (A/55/81 and Add.1)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [103] (A/55/3•, A/55/74, A/55/139-E/2000/93, A/55/167, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/C.3/55/L.2 and E/2000/9)

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104] (A/55/167, A/55/257-S/2000/766)

Conclusion of general discussion

• To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/55/34 and A/54/960))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 153 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States (A/54/763 and A/54/869))

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Human resources management reform

2. Mechanisms of accountability and responsibility

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	43rd meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	44th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. UNDP: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [7] (DP/2000/29 and Add.1, DP/2000/31, DP/2000/32, DP/2000/33, DP/2000/39 and Add.1) *(continued)*

2. UNDP: Evaluation [8] (DP/2000/34)

3. UNDP: Country cooperation frameworks and related matters [9] (DP/CCF/ARM/2, DP/CCF/CZE/2, DP/CCF/UN/2, DP/CCF/MDV/2, DP/CCF/POL/2, DP/CCF/ LO/2, DP/CCF/SVN/2, DP/CCF/UZB/2, DP/CCF/VIE/2, DP/CCF/BUL/1/EXTENSION II, DP/CCF/BEL/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/COS/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/DRK/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/ELS/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/COS/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/DRK/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/ELS/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/EQG/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/HON/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/TOG/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CCF/VEN/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CRR/ALG/1, DP/CRR/GUA/1, DP/CRR/POL/1, DP/CRR/UGA/1, DP/RRR/RBA/1, DP/RRR/RAP/1, DP/RRR/REC/1, DP/RRR/RLA/1, DP/GRR/GCF/1, DP/2000/CRP.14, DP/2000/40)

4. Pending decisions

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today*, 28 September 2000, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

[There will be informal consultations on follow-up to the UNDP ministerial Meeting *today*, 28 September 2000, from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.]

[There will an informal briefing on UNDP activities in Mozambique *today*, 28 September 2000, from 5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.]

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 28 September, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held *today*, 28 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 28 September 2000

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND SIXTH COMMITTEES
(on agenda item34 (a): Oceans and the law of the sea)

5 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee matters)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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World Bank Seminar

A seminar on the theme "World Development Report 2000/2001: Attacking Poverty", organized by the World Bank, will take place *today*, 28 September 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The President of the General Assembly and the Chairpersons of the Main Committees will give a briefing for non-governmental organizations about the main issues facing the Millennium Assembly. The briefing, organized by the Department of Public Information, will take place *today*, 28 September 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 29 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold its general debate on all disarmament and international security items from 2 to 13 October 2000. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with Ms. Krcalova (tel.: (212) 963-0049).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternative representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (fax: (212)963-5305).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. On Tuesday, 3 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the Under-Secretary-General, Mr. Nitin Desai, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will deliver a statement followed by a short dialogue. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson; tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Friday, 29 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal meeting on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 11.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Deputy Secretary-General will brief the Special Committee.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 18th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone will be held on Friday, 29 September 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The second regular session of the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) (Part I) will be held from 2 to 4 October 2000 in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Development Programme

The first informal consultation on the *Human Development Report* 2001 will be held on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Second Committee matters)* on Friday, 29 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Third Committee (INSTRAW))* on Friday, 29 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Friday, 29 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peace keeping Operations of the Non-Aligned Movement on Monday, 2 October, and Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 3 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Special meeting

The International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) will hold a meeting of interested Member States and donors on Friday, 29 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A, to update delegations on progress made in the GAINS project and the future of the Institute. Kindly confirm participation by calling (212) 963-1663 or 963-5086.

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Briefings

There will be a briefing on reports submitted to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 107 (Advancement of women) and 108 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"). The briefing, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 29 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations on the Asia-Pacific Regional High-level Meeting on Energy and Sustainable Development, as a contribution to preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Friday, 29 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 3 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 4 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Panel discussions

There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and Development", sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Speakers will include Mr. Akilagpa Sawyerr, Association of African Universities; Mr. Ascobat Gani, University of Indonesia; Ms. Linda Wong, University of Hong Kong (and currently working at DESA); and Mr. Antony de Bono, International Institute on Ageing. Mr. Nizamuddin, Director, Technical and Policy Division of UNFPA, and Mr. Sidorenko, Chief, United Nations Programme on Ageing, will also participate in the discussion. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The International Labour Organization (ILO) will host a discussion on "Gender, Poverty and Employment: An ILO Perspective" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The discussants will be Ms.Youyoun Zhang, Director, Bureau for Gender Equality, and Ms. Amelita King-Dejardin, Employment Specialist, Informal Sector Unit, Skills Development Department, ILO, Geneva. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-govenmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cindy Berman (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 106).

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Special event

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in room DC2-2525. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Prospective participants should contact Ms. Lynette Dasanayake to reserve space (tel.: (212) 963-6813; fax: (212) 963-4801).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 27 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4200th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Dr. Bernard Kouchner, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Bangladesh, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, China, Argentina, the Netherlands, Canada, Tunisia, Malaysia, Ukraine, Jamaica and Namibia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Mali.

Dr. Kouchner responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

29th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/55/1) [10]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 10.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Ireland, Colombia, Kuwait, Japan, Cyprus, Bhutan, Germany, Belarus, Ukraine, Ecuador, Croatia, China, Uzbekistan, the United Arab Emirates, Brazil, Peru, Senegal, Malaysia and the Russian Federation.

30th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/55/1) [10]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 10.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Philippines, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nepal, Chile, Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cameroon, Bahrain, India, Tunisia, Slovenia, Cuba, Belgium, and Israel.

GENERAL COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Equatorial Guinea (A/55/233)

The representative of Equatorial Guinea, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States" (A/55/233).

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(b) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/55/417)

The Chairman recalled that the General Assembly, at its 9th plenary meeting on 11 September 2000, had allocated the item to the Third Committee.

The representative of Italy, under rule 43 of the rules of procedures, made a statement concerning the request to also consider agenda item 105 (Crime prevention and criminal justice) directly in plenary meeting for the sole purpose of taking action on the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the draft protocols thereto.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that agenda item 105 be also considered directly in plenary meeting for the sole purpose of taking action on the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the draft protocols thereto.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 5th meeting

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Pakistan, Ghana and Egypt.

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement.

Request for hearing

The Committee considered a communication containing a request for hearing relating to New Caledonia (A/C.4/55/4).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Gibraltar

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, the Honourable Peter Caruana, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement.

Question of Guam

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, the representative of the Governor of Guam, Mr. Ron Rivera, made a statement.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, the representative of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, Mr. Carlyle Corbin, made a statement.

Hearing of petitioners

Question of Gibraltar

On the basis of a decision taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Mr. J. J. Bossano, Leader of the Opposition (A/C.4/55/2).

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of a decision taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mme Régine Villemont, Association des Amis de la République Arabe Sahrouié Démocratique (A/C.4/55/3/Add.1), Ms. Margot Kessler, Peace for the Sahrawi People (A/C.4/55/3/Add.2), Mr. Carmelo Ramírez Marrero, Federación de Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui de España (A/C.4/55/3/Add.3), Mr. Werner Ruf, on behalf of Medico International (A/C.4/55/3/Add.11), Ms. Gajmoula Ebbi (A/C.4/55/3/Add.18), Mr. Julio Bonis Alvarez, Councillor of the Presidency of the Government of the Canary Islands, Spain (A/C.4/55/3/Add.4), and Mr. Elfidio Alonso Quintero, Deputy, Parliament of the Canary Islands (A/C.4/55/3/Add.5).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 4th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement regarding the programme of work.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Chairman also informed the Committee that the deadline for the submission of candidatures for the vacant posts in the subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (a)-(g) would be Friday, 19 October 2000 and that the appointments to these bodies would take place on Friday, 3 November 2000.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Louis-Dominique Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso), introduced the annual report of the Unit (A/55/34) and on the work programme of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2000 and the preliminary listing of potential reports for 2001 and beyond (A/54/960).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Cyprus and Malta), Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, the United States and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit replied to questions raised

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Thursday, 28 September, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Haeyun Park (Republic of Korea), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2)

Statements were made by the representatives of Tajikistan, Bulgaria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Somalia, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Belarus, Comoros, Ukraine, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, Tunisia, Cuba and Kyrgyzstan.

The Committee thus conclude its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, 27 September, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS 766th meeting

Consideration of special reports [7]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, France, Cuba, Algeria, the Sudan, China, Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Turkey, Tunisia, India and Germany.

767th meeting

Consideration of special reports [7]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, France, Germany and Cuba.

Following a motion by the representative of the Russian Federation under rule 57 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council to reconsider the recommendation to the Economic and Social Council to suspend the consultative status of the Transnational Radical Party for a period of three years, the Committee rejected the motion by a roll-call vote of 5 to 12 with 2 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, Turkey, France, the United States, Chile, India and China.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2000

655th and 656th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Colombia (CRC/C/70/Add.5).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994

Accession: Norway (26 September 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 28 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Health Situation in Africa: HIV/AIDS and Other Priorities", organized by the World Health Organization, *today*, 28 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The panel will be chaired by Dr. Fabrizio Bassani, Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations. Dr. Ebrahim M. Samba, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Africa, will be the keynote speaker. H.E. Prof. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, will co-chair the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Older Persons

On the occasion of the tenth annual commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons, the NGO Committee on Aging, in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Department of Public Information, will hold an event on the theme "Towards a Society for All Ages" on Thursday, 5 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The speakers in the morning programme will include H.E. Sra. Julia T. de Alvarez, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Arthur C.I. Mbanefo, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Inocencio F. Arias, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations. The afternoon programme will include a screening of clips from the film "The Buena Vista Social Club" followed by a panel dialogue on "Multigenerational/ multicultural Perspectives on life in the older years". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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